

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4683
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2003
SANCTIONING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAY NO. 79
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central part of Nasirabad-Mau cantonment of the National Highway No. 79 from Mumbai to Delhi via Jaipur-Ajmer-Nasirabad-Neemach-Mandsaur-Mau cantonment has been sanctioned and notified as National Highway;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the delay in its upgradation as National Highway; and
- (c) the steps taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) to (c) National Highway No. 79 was declared as National Highway on 1.6.99. Maintenance and upkeep of the stretch from Mahu to Naseerabad has been awarded on Maintain, Operate and Transfer (MOT) basis by the State Government prior to 1.6.99. This contract is scheduled to be completed by 2006. Only after completion of this MOT contract, that this highway can be taken up by this Ministry. Meanwhile, State Government has been requested to take necessary action for de-notifying this as a National Highway